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TAGS: RH, PDEV, UK

SUBJECT: RHODEISA: PRESENTATION OF SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS

REF: (A) KUWAIT 4922 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 206797,

(C) STATE 206698, (D) STATE 206798.

1. DESPITE BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS (REF A),

ONLY TIME KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTER COULD SEE US WAS TODAY (AUG. 31), SINCE HE WILL BE LEAVING FOR CAIRO TO ATTEND UPCOMING ARAB LEAGUE MEETING. THEREFORE, AMBASSADOR LAMB AND I CALLED ON SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD THIS MORNING AS INSTRUCTED BY REF B. WE HANDED OVER TO THE MINISTER THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS: (A) TEXT OF PROPOSALS FOR SETTLEMENT (REF C), (B) COPY OF SPEAKING NOTES (REF B), AND TEXT OF ANNEX C (REF D) AND MADE PRESENTATION ALONG LINES OF REFTELS.

2. THE MINISTER'S QUESTIONS WERE DIRECTED SOLELY TO THE PURPOSE OF THE DEVELOPMENT FUND, ASKING FOR EXAMPLE WHETHER IT WAS DESIGNED TO BUY THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE OR TO COMPENSATE THE WHITE RHODESIANS FOR THE EXPROPRIATION OF THEIR LANDS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT KUWAIT HAS VERY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND DOES NOT WISH TO BE EMBARRASSED BEFORE THEM BY ACCEPTING SOMETHING WITH WHICH THEY CANNOT AGREE. HE WOULD THEREFORE REQUIRE MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE FUND BEFORE HE COULD GIVE ANY SPECIFIC ANSWERS.

3. I EXPLAINED MY BELIEF THAT ALL THE ANSWERS TO THE MINISTER'S QUESTIONS WERE SET OUT IN THE COPY OF ANNEX C AND THE SPEAKING NOTES WHICH I WAS LEAVING WITH HIM. WE BOTH STRESSED THAT THE FUND IS NOT INTENDED TO BUY OUT THE WHITE RHODESIANS AND IS VIEWED BY THE BRITISH AND US CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNMENTS AS BEING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SETTLEMENT AS A WHOLE. UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM DR OWEN, AMBASSADOR LAMB ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT THE REACTIONS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE "FRONT-LINE" PRESIDENTS TO THE IDEA OF THE FUND (INCLUDING THE LINK BETWEEN IT AND THE REST OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS) HAVE BEEN FAR FROM NEGATIVE, BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NO REACTION BE ATTRIBUTED TO THEM IN PUBLIC.

4. THE MINISTER MADE NO FURTHER COMMENTS EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HE WOULD STUDY THE INFORMATION WE HAD PROVIDED, WOULD CONSULT HIS GOVERNMENT AND LET US KNOW THEIR REACTION IN DUE COURSE; BUT HE MIGHT WELL HAVE TO COME BACK TO US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

5. WE STRESSED THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION UNTIL 1430 HOURS GMT ON SEPT. 1.
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